

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS**MCKINLEY'S RULE NOT TO SEE ANY ONE DON'T STAND.****Democratic Postmasters Whose Terms Have Not Expired are the Objects of Hungry Eyes.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—Special—It was thought that office seeking politics would be dull here until next week, as the President had given it out through the press that he would not receive callers this week. But Mr. McKinley's announced rule has not been observed, for so as in seeing Senators and others who are using appointments. This is so, the Virginia Republicans are flocking in from all parts of the State, and it is probable that the leaders will make an effort to get a hearing, matters to a head with further delay.

Postmaster Richard Herbert of Portsmouth is here, and his friends, Colonel R. C. Marshall among them, are doing what they can to prevent the appointment of a Republican in his place until the expiration of his term of four years next spring.

THE OLD POINT OFFICE.

Postmaster George Bookner, of Old Point, is also here looking after his office. Mr. Bookner's four years will not expire until next May.

Mr. John H. Kimberly, who is almost sure to succeed him, is pretty close to the Postmaster General. His wife is a sister of the cashier of Mr. George E. Baker in Baltimore. It is understood that if Mr. George E. Brown agrees the change to be made now, instead of next fall, it will be done, although it would be a startling departure from the rule of the department.

Colonel Clay Whiting, of Hampton, is here in the interest of Mr. Bookner, and the Colonel is the father-in-law of Senator Franklin sufficient influence may be brought to bear to keep Bookner in his full term.

In addition to this, leading officers of the Post are declaiming it is said, of having the office discontinued.

GOOD FRIENDS.

Postmaster Bookner and Mr. Kimberly, who want to step into his shoes, are the best of friends personally, and Kimberly will be well satisfied, his friends say, if he gets the postmastership in September.

Pamplin is to be the name of a new postoffice in Gloucester county. It will be located between Glouster and Preceptor. Carroll M. Brushwood is to be postmaster.

The railroad people express themselves as confident that the anti-scalping bill will pass. The private companies are making a strong fight for it, but the scalpers are not asleep by any means.

Mr. W. R. Trigg was in the city today but left for home this afternoon.

B. F. Clayton will be appointed postmaster at Beauvoir, Chesterfield county.

Judge Willard and Colonel Brady arrived this afternoon.

WADDILL AND BRADY.

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VIRGINIA SURGEONS.

Senator Daniel and Martin and Representative Young called on Postmaster-General Gary this afternoon and had a long talk in which Mr. Borden, his secretary, Mr. Royal, was with him. There was any such intention. They were not able to call next Tuesday. Far now that they are here and the applications for the various offices are asking them to see the President tomorrow and get patronage matters settled.

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CULPEPER COUNTY.

Bishop Gibson Holds Services—Carriage House and a Horse Burned.

CULPEPER, VA., Dec. 16.—Special—Bishop Gibson held services in St. Stephen's Episcopal church on Tuesday evening last.

Miss Ella W. Eastham, daughter of Mr. P. A. Eastham, was married last Friday afternoon to Mr. George E. Bain of Bealeton. Pauperular

Warden, who was invited in putting in the heating and sewerage fixtures at the Courthouse building. The system will be completed in a short time.

Miss Nellie Hill, daughter and daughter of Captain J. W. Georger, will on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock in St. Stephen's Episcopal church, be married to Mr. James Shifflett, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. James M. Beckham, county Superintendent of Schools, has sold his residence there last Sunday night. One horse, which was stabled in the building, was found to be dead.

Mr. Boyd Legg, after an illness of two or three months duration, caused by consumption, died last Saturday night, his funeral which took place on Monday, was attended by the Culpeper Minute Men and the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which the deceased was a member.

The Times abstract of the opinion of the Supreme Court of Appeals in the case of Coons vs. Coons, which went up from the Circuit Court of Culpeper, has been engrossed in the office of the Ex-Genl. T. J. D. Ray, attorney.

Dr. C. E. Coons, the clerk of the Circuit Court, for the two years ending August 31, 1897, Total \$1,805. Total

Suits commenced 114 181 218

Suits pending 24 14 125

Suits decided 131 16 125

There were no prosecutions in the Circuit Court during the two years. Number of days the court was in session in 1896, 35; in 1897, 33; total, 68.

EMPORIA ENTERPRISES.

A Fancy Box Factory and Brick and Tile Factory.

EMPORIA, VA., Dec. 16.—Special—In a recent communication your correspondent stated that Burk & McFeridge Company, of Philadelphia, had shortly begun the erection of a box factory near town. This is still under way.

The company will manufacture advertising devices, paying particular attention to advertising matter for the large breweries of the country.

The new factory will be located here next year by parties from the north. These gentlemen give a great impetus to the steady growth of this town.

Mrs. W. M. Powell and Mrs. W. F. Lewis have house parties during the Christmas season.

The German Club will give the Christmas tree the 31st of December and the ranks of the dancing girls will be considerably swelled by visitors, a brilliant affair is expected.

Hodges—Ostrander.

SANDY HOOK, VA., December 17.—Mr. Philip Fiske Hodges and Mrs. Albertine Ostrander were married yesterday at the residence of Mr. William K. Grove, Goochland county. Rev. H. D. Bagland performed the ceremony.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges leave to-day for a trip north.

Floyd County.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 15.—Special—County Court convened yesterday. Judge W. L. Howard presiding. No important cases were on docket except that of John Howell, charged with felony.

Rev. Frank Y. Jackson, of Bristol, Tenn., is conducting a series of meetings at the Methodist church. Much interest has been manifested.

On Monday evening a "klondike tea"

was given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Howard, assisted by Mrs. A. J. Kirby, Mrs. E. G. Howard, Mrs. Carrie A. Doherty, Mrs. L. D. Lawson, Mrs. T. H. Howard and Mrs. William Pendleton.

The rooms were handsomely decorated with potted plants, ferns and cut flowers and were filled throughout the evening with a merry throng.

A CUTTING SCRAPE.

The Farmers of Mecklenburg in Fine F帆cial Shape.

BOYDTON, VA., Dec. 17.—Elijah Fenner, a negro boy about seventeen years old, living at "North Pond" farm on Roanoke river yesterday cut Alas Davis quite severely with a pocket knife. The wound is in the side, about one and a half inches deep. Fenner claims that the cut was accidental, that he hit his knife out and that Davis ran against it. Fenner has been arrested and lodged in jail to await trial.

Mr. D. H. Jones, a prominent citizen and magistrate, who has been critically ill for several weeks, is much better, and strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

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The children of Mr. A. T. Howes were much frightened last night and ran into a dark room, where something mysterious was in the room. Mr. Howes rushed to see what was the matter and to his surprise found an owl had fallen down the chimney and was flying about the room. Mr. Howes says the owl was taking a nap on the cradle hood and lost his balance and fell down.

Mr. John R. Garland passed through here yesterday on his way to Antioch, Illinois, Spring Hill. He is in very bad health. Mr. Garfield is being prominently identified with the political affairs of this county for many years, being a very ardent Democrat.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

E. H. BAILY Favorably Regarded for Congress.

SPRINGWOOD, VA., Dec. 16.—Special—Botetourt county is largely engaged in planting fruit trees. The market this year has created a large demand and most of the houses prices. The soil here produces an apple of fine flavor. Large wheat areas have been sown, and while many sowed late, the wheat is looking well.

Mr. E. H. Baily, of the Lexington Gazette, will be a candidate for the next congressional nomination of the Democratic party. He made a fine impression on the people who attended the County Court last Wednesday.

The business has more than doubled in the past month, and this point in the last month, and the time seems easier, and while a short crop of corn has been gathered, it promises ready sale at good prices.

Suicide of a Veteran.

COVINGTON, TENN., Dec. 17.—William Johnston died on the scaffold this morning. The condemned man walked quietly from the cell to the gallows with calmness, confessed and died with a smile on his lips. Company B, Tennessee National Guard, was present to protect the prisoner, had there been signs of lynching, but the soldiers had nothing to do.

The crime for which Johnston surrendered his life was the murder of Farmer Walter Boyd of Idaville, Tipton county, on August 5th, last.

The only justification the negro offered was that he heard Boyd had threatened him.

THE MONETARY COMMISSION.

Its Deliberations Concluded—Report Will be Presented.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The Monetary Commission reported having reached the conclusion of its deliberations to-day, and the chairman, Senator Edmunds, declared the committee adjourned without a vote.

The closing proceedings were interesting.

Practical unanimity was finally due to the earnest appeals of Senator Edmunds as to any other influence.

One member thought it necessary to make one more emphatic his corrections as to one feature of the report, and Mr. Garnett, who had returned to his home in California, was not able to be present in time.

In the final discussion, differed slightly in regard to the treatment of the existing silver coins and silver certificates. The signatures of all the members will be attached to the report with the limited reservations of those two.

Mr. H. H. Hanna, the chairman of the Executive Committee, then took the floor and said that the services of the commissioners would be properly recognized at the Indianapolis Convention of the business men of the country, which had been called for January 10th.

The final publication of the commission's report will be delayed for some days pending its completion by the secretaries.

Married in the Clerk's Office.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—Special—Court adjourned this morning after an all week's session. Judge Prentiss left on the morning train for his home in Goochland.

In the action suit of R. C. Thompson, executor of P. M. Thompson, deceased, against the city of Williamsburg, the decision of Williamsburg collecting corporation levies on certain bank stock held in the city of Richmond, aggregating \$2,000. But the court refused the injunction prayer for to restrain the collection of the Virginia State Insurance Company of Richmond.

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Married in Richmond.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—Special—Charles Brooks and Miss Clara C. Brooks were married Thursday morning at Holy Trinity church in Richmond, by Rev. J. J. Gravatt. Mr. Brooks and Miss Brooks were both residents of this city and were present at the ceremony performed in Richmond, where the bride has been on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks returned to Williamsburg last night, and a large number of friends, including the minister, attended the wedding on the evening of January 3d. The Daughters of Liberty will furnish the supper.

The public schools will close next Thursday for the Christmas holidays.

County Levy.

CREWE, VA., Dec. 17.—Special—The annual revival meetings which have been in progress for several weeks at the Baptist Tabernacle, were opened yesterday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors are preparing to give a big ball on the night of the 21st instant.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics will have a banquet the 21st instant on the evening of January 3d.

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Spanish Ship in Trouble.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 17.—The Spanish ship Santiago arrived at Old Point Comfort with a funeral discharge and in tow of a British steamer. No one from the Spanish ship could be seen to-night from whom the cause of the Santiago's trouble could be learned.

China Will Acquiesce.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Shanghai asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiao Chau Bay.

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